

REMARKS

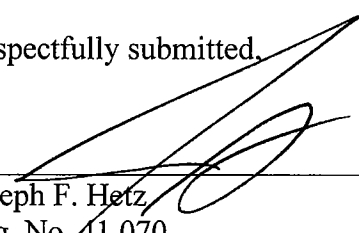
The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejections of Claims 1-24 and 55-71 but reversed all rejections against Claims 35-40 and 72-153. In this Amendment, Applicants are cancelling rejected Claims 1-24 and 55-71, so that only Claims 35-40 and 72-153 are pending.

Lastly, Applicants note that they believe there was a typographical error in the PTO Communication mailed March 24, 2010. That Communication stated that rejected Claims 1-21 and 55-71 were independent claims and that Claims 35-40 and 72-153 (the claims whose rejections the Board reversed) were dependent claims. Hence, the Communication requested that the allowed dependent claims be presented in independent form. However, Claims 35-40 and 72-153 have their own independent claims and do not depend from cancelled Claims 1-21 and 55-71. Accordingly, no amendments are needed to Claims 35-40 and 72-153.

If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4719.

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